

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 6 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been acted on, on the merits. All of the claims have been subject to a restriction requirement. Prompt consideration on the merits of the claims now appearing in the case and allowance thereof are respectfully urged.

The examiner has now revised the restriction requirement and now considers that the claims are directed to the following groups of inventions.

Group I, including claim 1, drawn to an immunoassay to detect TBP-II;

Group II, including claim 2, drawn to a diagnostic assay to detect anti TBP-II antibodies;

Group III, including claim 3, drawn to methods of purifying; and

Group IV, including claims 4 and 5, drawn to methods of producing peptides.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to an immunoassay to detect TBP-II, without traverse. Claims 2-5 have now been deleted.

New claim 6 has now been added, drawn to a method for the determination of over-production or under-production of TBP-II using the immunoassay of claim 1. It is urged that

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this claim is directed to the same invention as that of claim 1 and should be examined with claim 1. Claim 6 is supported by the disclosure, for example, in paragraph [0054] and paragraphs [0086]-[0087].

Applicant's previous species elections are hereby repeated and confirmed.

Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all the claims now present in the case are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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